



# Acute Diagnostic Oncology Clinic

Acute Oncology Service

## Patient Information Sheet

You have been referred by your GP to the Acute Diagnostic Oncology Clinic. This is run by Dr Thomas Newsom-Davis (consultant oncologist) and Rachel Sharkey (acute oncology specialist nurse).

Your doctor has asked you to see us so we can look into your symptoms. This specialist clinic allows us to do this quickly and usually we are able to arrange the necessary tests within 1 or 2 days of your first visit. This does not mean that you definitely have cancer, but further tests are needed to exclude the possibility.

Our team will contact you by telephone to arrange your appointment within 24 hours of receiving the referral from your GP (Mon-Fri). If you have not heard from us within 2 working days of receiving this letter please contact us using the contact details below. It is important that you provide your GP with your current telephone numbers.

**When you come for your appointment**, please report to the Medical Day Unit reception on the Ground Floor, lift bank D, of Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, 369 Fulham Road.

### What happens at the clinic?

You will be seen by our specialist nurses, who will ask you some questions and examine you, and then by a consultant oncologist. You may spend up to 4 hours at the clinic depending on which tests are needed, but this means you will have had a complete medical assessment in one visit. The team might decide you need further tests to be carried out. These will be booked for you before you leave the clinic.

### What happens next?

We will arrange a follow-up visit to the clinic after your tests have been done. We will discuss the results of these, what they mean, and what needs to be done next. If no further tests or treatment are needed we will refer you back to your GP.

A letter containing all the information will be emailed to your GP after your first clinic visit to let them know what we are doing.

If your symptoms get worse before your clinic appointment, please contact your GP for advice.

### Contact us

**If you are unable to attend, please let us know by calling the Medical Day Unit reception on**

**If you have any questions about the clinic please contact**